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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ON AUGUST 30 WITH MINCOM'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FATEMI STATUS OF GOI'S CONSIDERATION OF ACTIVE ROLE IN MTN AND ACCESSION TO GATT TO UPDATE REFTEL IN LIGHT OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW CABINET AND MINCOM AUGUST 27. FATEMI, WITH LITTLE EXPOSURE THUS FAR TO NEW MINISTER VISHKA'I, NONETHELESS PREDICTS AN EVEN SLOWER SETTLING-IN PROCESS THAN THE MINISTRY EXPERIENCED UNDER HIS PREDECESSOR. FURTHER, HE BELIEVES THAT VISHKA'I HAS LITTLE INTEREST IN FOREIGN TRADE MATTERS. THIS COULD BE BENEFICIAL ONLY SHOULD THE MANDATE AND AUTHORITY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE BE CLEARLY GIVEN TO UNDERSECRETARY NASSER GANJEI, WHO HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND WHO MAY BE RETAINED SINCE HE IS A FRIEND OF THE

NEW MINISTER. IN ANY CASE, REFTEL'S END-AUGUST PREDICTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF FATEMI'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBJECT ISSUES WILL CERTAINLY SLIP AND WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC OF AN
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ACTIVE MTN ROLE AT LEAST WITHIN SEVERAL MONTHS, IF AT ALL.

2. FATEMI WILL ATTEND AN UNCTAD MEETING FOR THREE DAYS FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER AND SAID HE WILL MOST LIKELY SEEK OUT US MTN DELEGATION CONTACTS IN ORDER TO BRING THEM UP TO DATE ON THE GOI'S CONSIDERATION OF MTN AND GATT.
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